

# MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART

## General E-Bulletin

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### GREETINGS FROM ROME

This electronic General Bulletin is a new attempt on the part of the General Administration to communicate important information to the entire MSC Congregation and to deepen our sense of Congregational belonging.

It is being sent to all Provincials, Pro-Provincials, Union, Regional and Sectional Superiors. We ask that it be shared with all members in your entity. Thank-you for your attention to this.

Please also send us any news that you wish to share with the Congregation. Please inform us of the name and email address of any designated communication person who will be handling this for you.

The General E-Bulletin will appear every two weeks or so. It will usually be about one page in length.

### NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The full General Council finally assembled at the end of January 2012. In February we began three weeks of meetings. The first week was more reflective – a time of prayer, faith sharing and getting to know one-another. During the second week we reviewed the current state of the Congregation in all 55 countries where we are present. In the third week we studied the Documents of the General Chapter and began the process of planning how we hope to address the various Chapter Mandates. We also decided some areas of responsibility among the General Council. More will be decided at future meetings.

### Geographic Areas of Primary Responsibility:

PEC: Carl Tranter, Mark McDonald, Chris McPhee  
APIA: Chris McPhee, F X Wahyudi, Carl Tranter  
CA-MSC: Rafael Rodriguez, FX Wahyudi  
AFRICA: Mark McDonald, Rafael Rodriguez

### Thematic Responsibilities:

Formation: Chris McPhee, Rafael Rodriguez  
Communication: Carl Tranter, Mark McDonald  
Laity: Rafael Rodriguez  
Safeguarding and  
Professional Standards: Mark McDonald, F X Wahyudi  
MSC Brothers: F X Wahyudi, Carl Tranter  
SEDOS Contact: Rafael Rodriguez  
Multi-Media  
International (Rome): Gerald Warbrooke  
Finance Advisory  
Board member: FX Wahyudi

## **JPIC**

As a first step in addressing the Chapter Mandate on the theme of JPIC we are asking that each MSC entity designate a member as a JPIC contact and that each Continental Conference (e.g. PEC, APIA, etc.) designate a person responsible for co-ordinating JPIC across the continental grouping. Once all these persons are appointed we will look at ways to co-ordinate sharing and promoting information, ideas and initiatives across the Congregation.

## **Safeguarding and Professional Standards**

During our meetings in February, Tim Brennan MSC (Australian Province) was in Rome to attend a Safeguarding and Professional Standards Conference in the Vatican on behalf of the Australian Bishop's Conference. We took the opportunity to meet with Tim and explore how we might begin to address the specific and concrete Chapter Mandate in this regard. We will be writing to all MSC entities soon with some proposals.

## **Superior of the Pacific Union**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 the General Council, having consulted with all the members of the Pacific Union, re-appointed Simon Mani as Union Superior for a third mandate of three years, commencing (retrospectively) on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012. We congratulate Simon and thank him for his generosity and willingness to serve the Union.

## **Three Pro-Provinces to become Provinces**

It was decided at the General Chapter that our three Pro-Provinces (Central America, Rio de Janeiro and Curitiba) should now become Provinces. Each of the three Pro-Provinces is now considering an opportune time for formal erection as a Province and planning a date for their first Provincial Chapter.

## **Visit of the Superior General to Senegal**

From 25<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March Mark McDonald was in Senegal for a meeting of the UAF Council at Kaolack. Mark also met with our postulants who are in formation in Dakar.

## **Forthcoming visits**

This week (11-15<sup>th</sup> March) Mark McDonald will be attending a meeting of the French Provincial Council in Issoudun.

From 15-24 March Carl Tranter will be in The Netherlands where he will attend the PEC meeting in Tilburg from 19-23 March. He will then travel to Belgium for a visitation of the Belgian Province until 2<sup>nd</sup> April.


A full list of the activities of the General Council between now and September is attached as an Appendix to this Bulletin.

## **Novices in the UAF commence their 30-day retreat**

Please keep all of the four novices in the UAF in your prayers as they begin their long retreat on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Attachments to this first E-Bulletin**

Attached to this first General E-Bulletin are two documents. One is a list of the forthcoming activities of the General Council (dates of visits, meetings, ad-limina visits of new



Provincials, etc.). The second is a summary of our Congregation's Statistics as completed last week by the General Secretariat. Thank you to all MSC Entities for returning your data to the General House.